Cambridgeshire Badminton Association

(Affiliated to Badminton England)

Tournament Secretary's Report 2012/13

The County's **Players Tournament** was held on Saturday 29th September (Singles) and Sunday 30th September (all other events) at Cambridge Regional College. There was drop in entry numbers across all events, compared with the previous season, with the Ladies Singles hitting an all-time low of just two players. We really need more enthusiasm from the Ladies to make this event worthwhile next season! In total there were 67 competitors, 21 Ladies and 46 Men. Following comments from players, we intend to improve the way we make the presentations at the end of each event.

The **Bronze Under-15 Tournament** was again held at One Leisure St Ives, on Saturday 10th November. Entries were down again on the previous season across all events, with numbers just over half what they were in 2010. There was an entry of 38 in the Boys Singles, with 13 in the Girls Singles, 14 pairs in the Boys Doubles and 5 pairs in the Girls Doubles. Thanks again to the willing volunteers on the day, 112 games were played on just five courts, thankfully with an early evening finish.

The winners were:	*Boys Singles*	Guy Jones (Kent)
	Girls Singles	Briony Whitfield (Bedfordshire)
	Boys Doubles	Morrison Ayley (Kent) & Guy Jones
	Girls Doubles	Noura Mohtadi (Buckinghamshire) & Briony Whitfield

The **46th Cambridgeshire Senior Silver Tournament** was held at Cambridge Regional College on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th January. Overall entry numbers were up again on the previous year, including a large oversubscription in Mens Singles, with 82 Men and 37 Ladies accepted into the draw. In the other events, there were 14 Ladies Singles, 24 Mens Doubles pairs (entry limited), 15 Ladies Doubles pairs and 20 Mixed Doubles pairs, where entries were also limited. Unfortunately, as a result of the very cold weather, we were forced to stop using some of the courts during Saturday afternoon due to a build up of condensation on the floor. Thanks to the staff at CRC, we just managed to finish by making use of the additional courts in the old sports hall.

The winners were:	*Mens Singles*	Richard Wrigley (Worcs)
	Ladies Singles	Tanapat Pisitpong (Essex)
	Mixed Doubles	Dean George (Sussex) & Claire Milward (Warks)
	Mens Doubles	Dean George (Sussex) & Daniel Woodhouse (Midds)
	Ladies Doubles	Claire Milward (Warks) & Caroline Westley (Essex)

And finally – We always need more volunteers to help with shuttles, getting players on court and score sheets at these tournaments. Profit from the events provides valuable funds for badminton in the county. Please consider volunteering next season if you can, even if it's only for a couple of hours. Special thanks to John Tibbutt who covered the administration and running of the Senior Silver tournament in my absence, ably assisted by Sharon Chandler.

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